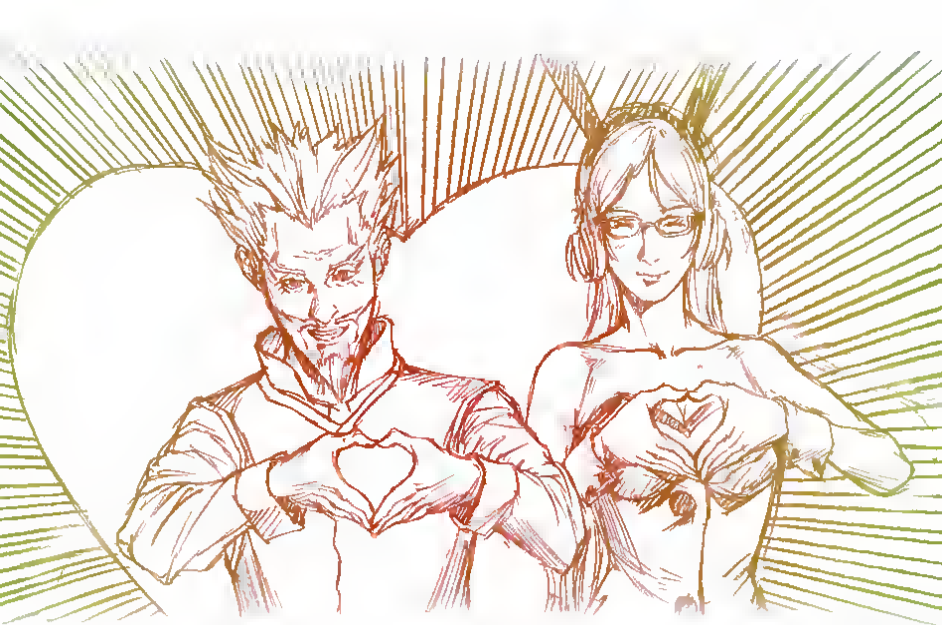

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BAKI IS GOING TO BE MY DISCIPLE STARTING TODAY
SO YEAH...
LET'S HELP EACH OTHER OUT MORE AS OLD SLACKER BUDDIES
NOW, NOW, DON'T BE SUCH A CHEAP-SKATE
HUH? YOU'RE SAYING HE'S YOUR DISCI-PLE?
HEHEHE I WAS JOKING JUST JOKING
HM? YOU MEAN THIS ISN'T ABOUT WINNING OR LOSING?
WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO COOPERATE IF WE WANT WANT TO BEAT THAT HONOR STUDENT

BUT I WON'T BE FOOLED BY IT...
COMPARED TO OTHERS, BAKI MIGHT NOT SEEM QUITE AS TALENTED AT FIRST SIGHT...
I CAN FEEL IT ...
THERE'S SOMETHING SPECIAL ABOUT HIM
.....
AM I RIGHT?
OF COURSE, YOU CAN. THAT'S WHY YOU GAVE HIM "THAT"...
YOU CAN FEEL IT TOO, CAN'T YOU?

...
...YEAH, GOT IT
UNTIL NEXT TIME, SYPHER

WAKE UP. IT'S MORNING
I HAD NO IDEA A NIGHT COULD FEEL SO LONG
I WAS ON THE VERGE OF TEARS WHEN NILAM FINALLY OPENED THE CAGE

...I FEEL LIKE SOME-ONE'S OUT TO GET ME ...
I LOST COUNT HOW MANY TIMES I'VE SWORN TO MYSELF TO KILL HIM AS SOON AS I GET OUT OF THE CAGE
NOW, OPEN YOUR MOUTH WIDE
SFX: CRUSH SMASH
SFX: MUNCH CRUNCH!
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THEY DON'T EAT HUMANS
WORRY NOT...
SFX MUNCH MUNCH
I'VE BEEN TAKING CARE OF THEM SINCE THEY WERE BABIES. YOU COULD SAY THEY'RE MY GRAND-CHILDREN
THEY DO SEEM KIND OF TAME, I GUESS
--BUT WHAT DO I KNOW

FOR STARTERS...
ANYWAYS, THERE'S A MOUNTAIN OF WORK WAITING FOR YOU
SFX. TAP
I WANT YOU TO TAKE CARE OF THESE GUYS FOR ME
BONFIRE NEET HAS SWITCHED CLASS TO "APPRENTICE BEAST-MASTER"
EH?
AND IT'S DONE
THIS IS HOW I STARTED WORKING FOR NILAM, THE "MONSTER GRAMPS"

BUT NILAM SET ONE CONDITION
WHY DO I HAVE TO GET MY HAIR CHANGED TOO?
TAKING CARE OF THEM DOESN'T ENTAIL MUCH THOUGH...
ALL I HAVE TO DO IS FEED THEM AND TAKE THEM OUT FOR WALKS
I'M SUPPOSED TO TREAT THEM WITH WITH LOVE
WELL GUESS I'LL JUST THINK OF THEM AS MY PETS AND SIMPLY TREAT THEM LIKE I WOULD BUGO AND BOGO
UHH...
YOU DO IT TOO
ACCORDING TO HIM, MONSTERS ARE VERY SENSITIVE AND IT TAKES TIME UNTIL THEY OPEN THEIR HEARTS TO YOU

MY MP IS DOWN TO ONE AND A THIRD HEAL NOW
BAKI
LEVEL: 17
CLASS: BEAST-MASTER
HP: 106
MP: 4
STRENGTH: 41
AGILITY: 30
WISDOM: 11
BY THE WAY, HERE ARE MY STATS AFTER THE SWITCH TO A BEAST-MASTER
OKAY THEN!
SINCE IT'S DIFFICULT TO DEAL WITH A BIG MONSTER RIGHT OFF THE BAT...
MY FIRST TASK IS TO TAKE CARE OF A SLIME
START WITH THIS ONE

A NAME THAT SOUNDS AWFULLY SIMILAR TO A CERTAIN VIETNAM VETERAN
TAKE GOOD CARE OF SLAMBO
THE SLIME'S NAME IS APPARENTLY "SLAMBO"
BAKI OFFERS FOOD TO SLAMBO
LET'S BE FRIENDS, SLAMBO
BUT EVEN WITH A NAME LIKE THAT, A SLIME IS STILL A SLIME. I'LL HAVE HIM TAMED IN A FEW MINUTES
OKAY, THIS MAY BE MORE DIFFICULT THAN I IMAGINED
MEEP MEEP !!
SLAMBO RAN AWAY

IT TURNS OUT THAT SLAMBO IS RATHER SHY OF STRANGERS
SIGH...
HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO GET A SLIME THAT DOESN'T EVEN SPEAK MY LANGUAGE TO OPEN UP TO ME? ISN'T THIS LIKE WAY TOO DIFFICULT FOR A FIRST TASK?
AS IF THAT WASN'T ENOUGH, HE'S QUITE A CHICKEN TOO AND HASN'T EVEN DARED LOOK IN MY DIRECTION SINCE LAST TIME
WHAT ARE YOU LAZING AROUND FOR ...?

SFX: SMACK
QUIT YOUR WHINING, YOU 30-YEAR-OLD FORMER NEET
NO... I'M JUST KIND OF STUMPED HERE...
DON'T EXPECT TO GET PAID IF YOU CAN'T EVEN CONNECT WITH A SLIME
...
AS A FREELOADER AT HIS PLACE, I COULDN'T REALLY SAY ANYTHING IN RETURN
SHIT...
THE MOST IMPORTANT QUESTION RIGHT NOW IS HOW TO COMMUNICATE WITH SLAMBO

FIRST, I LEAVE SOME FEED NEAR SLAMBO. THEN, WHEN HE BEGINS TO EAT, I APPROACH HIM LITTLE BY LITTLE
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FIRST OF ALL, HERE IS MY PLAN ON HOW TO FEED SLAMBO
I WILL REPEAT THIS PROCEDURE EVERYDAY UNTIL I'M RIGHT NEXT TO HIM
SHUT UP
ARE YOU GOING TO UPLOAD IT TO PIXIV?
WHAT A SHITTY DRAWING
.....
IT'S A HUGE PROGRESS COMPARED TO WHEN HE USED TO RUN AWAY AS SOON AS HE SAW ME
I'VE BEEN DOING THIS FOR A WEEK NOW AND I'VE FINALLY MANAGED TO GET WITHIN ONE METRE OF SLAMBO

THERE'S NO POINT IN GETTING CLOSE TO HIM IF I CAN'T GET HIM TO LISTEN TO WHAT I SAY
OKAY... THIS IS WHERE THE HARD PART BEGINS ...
AS FOR TAKING HIM FOR WALKS, HOWEVER, I'M STILL AS STUMPED AS I WAS BEFORE
DAMN SLIME HE DOES SEEM TO HAVE AN APPETITE THOUGH
THERE'S GOT TO BE A GOOD WAY
AFTER ALL, HE ALWAYS EATS WHATEVER I LEAVE THERE FOR HIM

LET'S SEE ANYTHING SWEET, I'D SAY
YES, PLEASE TELL ME
EH!?
WHAT SLAMBO LIKES TO EAT?
I DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY THOUGH...
I GUESS IT'S TIME TO TAKE A TRIP TO TOWN..
SO AS LONG AS IT'S SWEET, ANYTHING IS FINE!
ANY-THING SWEET
OHH! LUCKY!!
NEW CANDIES!! TRY THEM BEFORE YOU BUY THEM!

PINE-APPLE FLAVOR AND APPLE FLAVOR, HUH
STRAW-BERRY FLAVOR... ORANGE FLAVOR
YOU'D DO ME A GREAT FAVOR!
EH? ME?
UHH
MEEP?
WHICH FLAVOR DO YOU LIKE BEST, SLAMBO?
APPLE, IT IS
NOW, SAY "AHHH"
APPLE, HUH?
MEEP MEEP!!

I DON'T KNOW... HAVEN'T SEEN HIM TODAY
WHERE'S BAKI?
SFX: MUNCH
?
WHAT ARE YOU EATING, DORA?
...IT'S EVENING AND HE'S STILL NOT BACK

EH?
HE RAN AWAY, HUH...
HE MUST HAVE HAD A GOOD REASON TO LEAVE
I DON'T THINK HE'D RUN AWAY... HE'S BEEN LOOKING UP ALL KINDS OF THINGS AND MAKING LOTS OF EFFORT LATELY
...
YEAH, I GUESS SO...
IF THAT WAS TRUE, WOULDN'T HE TELL US BEFORE HE LEFT?
...
GUESS SYPHER'S JUDGMENT CAN'T BE TRUSTED ANYMORE EITHER
HEH WHAT A SPINELESS GUY!!

AND THIS TIME, HE CLAIMED SOMEONE ELSE'S DISCIPLE AS HIS OWN JUST TO TREAT HIM THE SAME WAY...
HOW DARE HE PUT ON AIRS WHEN EVERY SINGLE ONE OF HIS DISCIPLES HAS RUN AWAY ON HIM...? OR DID HE FORGET HOW MANY TIMES THIS HAS ALREADY HAPPENED SO FAR...?
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT...
LET'S GO LOOK FOR HIM
WHAT? DID YOU SAY SOMETHING!?
OLD FOOL...
UHH, NO
WE'RE GOING BACK INSIDE! NOW!!
HUMPH! LIKE HELL WE'RE GOING TO LOOK FOR HIM!!

...
I GUESS HE DOES CARE A LOT ABOUT HIS DISCIPLES. IF HE ONLY WASN'T SO SHORT-TEMPERED...
JEEZ...
AND I WAS SO SURE BAKI HAD SOME-THING SPECIAL ABOUT HIM
I SUPPOSE IT JUST SHOW HOW DIFFICULT IT IS FOR US TO REACH OUT TO MONSTERS

Appendix:

Characters in chapter 12:

Baki

Nitam

Bunny girl

Sypher

Slamba

Dora

Buga

Boga

Rambo

Mansters in chapter 12:

Killer Panther (Great Sabrecat)

Leaanar (Hellion)

Lacatians in chapter 12:

- Oracleberry (Fortuna)